

**PATENT APPLICATION  
IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Applicant	:	Jérôme CHAIGNE	)	Group Art Unit 3728
Appln. No.	:	10/720,272	)	(Anticipated)
Docket No.	:	P24410	)	Examiner Unknown
Customer No.	:	7055	)	
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Title	:	METHOD FOR DECORATING A SKI BOOT AND A SKI BOOT DECORATED BY SUCH METHOD	)	

**INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT**

Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

Pursuant to the duty of disclosure set forth in 37 CFR §1.56 and in accordance with the provisions of 37 CFR §1.97 and §1.98, the following information is brought to the attention of the Examiner for his or her consideration during the examination of the instant application.

The following documents were cited in a search report in the French priority application upon which the instant application is based. A copy of the search report and a copy of an annex thereto, indicating "family member" documents, are attached.

For compliance with the "concise explanation" requirement set forth in 37 CFR §1.98(a)(3), consistent with U.S. Patent and Trademark Office policy, Applicant describes below any comments relating to pertinent portions of the respective documents, where such comments appear in the search report.

U.S. Patent No. 5,032,139 (RECHER et al.), issued on July 16, 1991, is cited in the aforementioned search report as being a document that is pertinent to the general state of the art (*i.e.*, a category "A" document) with regard to the invention recited in claims 1 and 4 of Applicant's aforementioned priority application. The entirety of US '139 is cited as being pertinent.

European Patent Publication No. 0 722 843 (SALOMON S.A.), published on July 24, 1996, is cited in the aforementioned search report as being a document that is pertinent to the general state of the art (*i.e.*, a category "A" document) with regard to the invention recited in claims 1 and 4 of Applicant's aforementioned priority application. The entirety of EP '843 is cited as being pertinent.

German Patent (Gebrauchsmuster) No. 93 16 803 (LIN), published on March 3, 1994, is cited in the aforementioned search report as being a document that is pertinent to the general state of the art (*i.e.*, a category "A" document) with regard to the invention recited in claims 1 and 4 of Applicant's aforementioned priority application. The entirety of DE '803 is cited as being pertinent.

U.S. Patent No. 2,607,130 (PEARSON), issued on August 19, 1952, is cited in the aforementioned search report as being a document that is pertinent to the general state of the art (*i.e.*, a category "A" document) with regard to the invention recited in claims 1 and 4 of Applicant's aforementioned priority application. The entirety of US '130 is cited as being pertinent.

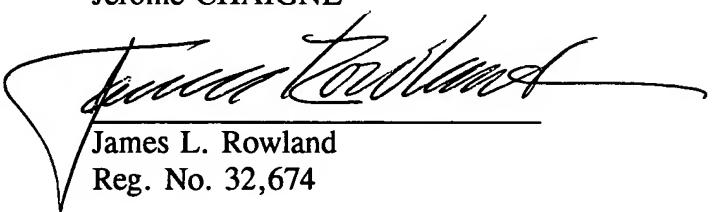
U.S. Patent No. 1,932,658 (GOODFRIEND), issued on October 31, 1933, is cited in the aforementioned search report as being a document that is pertinent to the general state of the art (*i.e.*, a category "A" document) with regard to the invention recited in claims 1 and 4 of Applicant's aforementioned priority application. The entirety of US '658 is cited as being pertinent.

A copy of each of the above-mentioned documents is attached. Further, each is listed on the attached PTO-1449 form to permit the Examiner to indicate his or her consideration thereof.

The Examiner is requested to consider the documents cited above and to confirm such consideration by appropriately initialling the listings on the PTO-1449 form and returning a copy of the initialled form to Applicant.

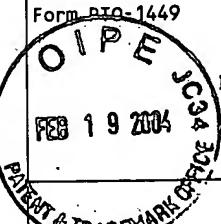
Any comments or questions concerning this application can be directed to the undersigned at the telephone or fax number given below.

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